

18th December 1922]

Record of rights and settlement of rent in Kallikota and Atagada estates.

528 Q.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the report referred to in answer to question No. 1393, dated 27th March 1922, of Sriman Sasibhushan Rath Mahasayo, regarding the record of rights and settlement of rent in Kallikota and Atagada estates has been called for and received; if so, to place the same on the table?

A.—The following report was received on the subject but the matter has progressed further since its receipt:—

The ryots of 152 villages in the two estates applied to the Collector of Ganjam for the preparation of the record of rights and a settlement of rents. The Collector has called upon them to make deposits in accordance with rule 5 of the rules framed under section 215 (1), (2), (8) and (9) of the Madras Estates Land Act.

In 52 villages the ryots have deposited the full amounts required by the rule quoted above. In respect of the other villages the applications are defective in not having complied with either section 164 (a) (iv) of the Act or rule 5 of the rules. The Collector is having these defects rectified in consultation with the ryots.

A deputation of ryots of the two estates waited upon the Commissioner of Land Revenue and Settlement on 16th February 1922. The Collector of Ganjam has been asked to submit the applications to the Board at once with his recommendations.

Irrigation projects in the Cuddapah district.

529 Q.—Mr. B. P. DEVARAJULU NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(1) in the order of importance, with a short sketch or description, the several projects that have been investigated during the past thirty years with a view to improve the irrigation sources in the district of Cuddapah;

(2) whether any of these projects have been carried out and if so, with what results; and

(3) whether any of the schemes have been allowed to lie over and if so, on what grounds or for what reasons?

A.—A statement giving the information asked for is laid on the table.*

Pothanur irrigation project.

530 Q.—Rao Bahadur K. GOPALAKRISHNAYYA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the scheme regarding the Pothanur irrigation project, Ellore taluk, in the Kistna district, in respect of acres 2,000 of unassessed waste land was investigated by the Public Works Department and found to be feasible and beneficial;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Collector, Kistna, reported to the Government that the scheme should be undertaken by the Government immediately;

(c) if so, why it is not undertaken;